

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Shigeyuki MARUNAKA et al.

Title: METHOD FOR TREATMENT OF SOLID PHARMACEUTICAL  
PREPARATION PRIOR TO PRINTING AND SOLID  
PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATION SUBJECTED TO TREATMENT  
PRIOR TO PRINTING

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: